

Géry Legrand

Géry Legrand was born on the 23rd of May, 1837 in Lille (in the north of France) and he died on the 29th of August in 1902 in the city of Moncheaux (in the north of France also).

He became Mayor of Lille in 1881 and he stayed Mayor until 1896. He was senator of the North from 1888 to 1902 (the date of his death).



One day, Géry Legrand sent a letter to a man named Thomas in which he said that two people who he knew had been in London during the events of the Jack the Ripper case in 1888 : the two people are Alfred Mongy and Pharaon de Winter...

Alfred Mongy

Alfred Mongy was born the 21st of March in 1840 in Lille and he died the 30th June in 1914. He was director of the Industrial Institute of the north of France. Géry Legrand chose him to undertake the building of the University of Lille.



He was one of two big suspects in the Ripper case and Géry Legrand proved that Alfred was in London in 1888!

Pharaon de Winter

Pharaon de Winter was born on the 17th of November in 1849 in Bailleul (next to Lille) and he died the 22nd June 1924 in Lille. He was a painter and the director of the Beaux Arts of Lille.



He had covered a painting of Walter Sickert : "Jack the Rippers' bedroom". Like Alfred Mongy, he was suspected of being Jack the Ripper. And more convincingly, we have a lot of evidence against him...

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